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Australia's unemployment rate at 5.1 per cent in June 2010 (seasonally adjusted): ABS

The Australian unemployment rate remained steady at 5.1 per cent in June, the Australian Bureau of Statistics announced today.

The ABS reported the number of people employed increased by 45,900 people to 11.100 million, seasonally adjusted, in June.

The rise in employment was driven by a rise in part-time employment, up 27,500 people to 3.306 million. This was reinforced by a rise in full-time employment, up 18,400 people to 7.795 million. This was the tenth consecutive month Australia has seen a rise in the number of people employed full-time.

The number of people unemployed decreased in June, down 200 people to 598,400, the ABS reported.

The ABS seasonally adjusted monthly aggregate hours worked series showed a fall in June, down 6.4 million hours to 1,567.4 million hours.

The ABS reported the participation rate in June increased 0.1 percentage point to 65.2 per cent.

More details are available in the June 2010 release of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0) available for free download from the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au>

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